

**STUDY UNDERWAY**—A membership and finance study, authorized recently by the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is currently underway under the chairmanship of William Belding. Members of his steering committee include Russell

Lund, owner of the Lund Co.; James Weigel, manager of Security First National Bank; Belding, manager of Broadway Del Amo; William Jameson, works manager at Bethlehem Steel Co.; and William Moss Jr., president of M&M Transfer Co.

### Torrance Leads in Area Building, January-May

South Bay cities, with only two exceptions, continued to chalk up increases in building permits over 1960, according to a report released last week. Torrance continues to lead area cities for the five months of 1961, and ranks fourth among Los Angeles County cities, although running almost \$6 million below the 1960 figure. Redondo Beach registered a spectacular gain of 300% in 1961, because of the new King Harbor development. Redondo is now ninth among the county's 71 cities, leading

such much larger cities as Burbank, Santa Monica, West Covina, Compton, Culver City and Lakewood. January-May statistics of Torrance area cities are listed below: Torrance, \$18,285,187; \$5,852,109 loss; Redondo Beach, \$2,996,432, \$3,624,629 gain; El Segundo, \$2,433,949, \$2,458,048 gain; Hawthorne, \$3,639,847, \$584,206 gain; Palos Verdes Estates, \$1,716,934, \$1,111,678 gain; Manhattan Beach, \$2,219,435, \$486,374 loss; Hermosa Beach, \$1,450,535, \$237,515 gain.

### Allocate Funds For Improvements On Hawthorne

An allocation of \$5,300 for the improvement of Hawthorne Boulevard from Silver Spur Road to Indian Peak Road in the Palos Verdes Peninsula area was announced last week by Supervisor Burton W. Chace. The project will consist of constructing asphaltic concrete pavement on aggregate base material between the existing roadway barrels. "Increased development of this area causes traffic to track soil and loose gravel onto the travelled lanes," Supervisor Chace explained.

### NEA President Attends National Convention

The teacher may be the most important part of a classroom — but judging by the 155 exhibits at the National Education Association convention in Atlantic City, modern teacher is not lacking in equipment to support him.

This is one of the conclusions reached by W. G. Andreasen of Torrance, who just returned from the annual convention of the National Education Association held at Atlantic City recently.

Andreasen is president of the Torrance branch of the NEA and an English and social studies instructor here.

**GLIMPSE**  
From fluorescent, plastic paper clips and automatic book marks to planetarium projectors and modern fire alarm systems, the 10,000 teachers and other educators convening there were getting a glimpse of what it could be like in a dream-come-true schoolhouse.

Between official sessions, the teachers walked approximately two miles up and down crowded aisles to see displays of every conceivable

type of school equipment. Some examples:

Compact school buses with built-in safety devices, office machines that keep fool-proof records, fall-out shelters and live microbes.

**SOUVENIR**

Combs, emory boards, rain caps, pencils and pencil sharpeners were among the souvenir items available for the asking. As they walked past one exhibit, they could see themselves on closed-circuit TV and if they stopped long enough at another, they could have their handwriting analyzed.

Despite weary feet, the official sessions—some of which lasted three hours—were filled to capacity. In work sessions, specialized meetings, and general assemblies, the teachers reviewed major education problems ranging from how to get rid of dead wood in the mathematics curriculum to what practices will permit them to make better use of their time and talents.

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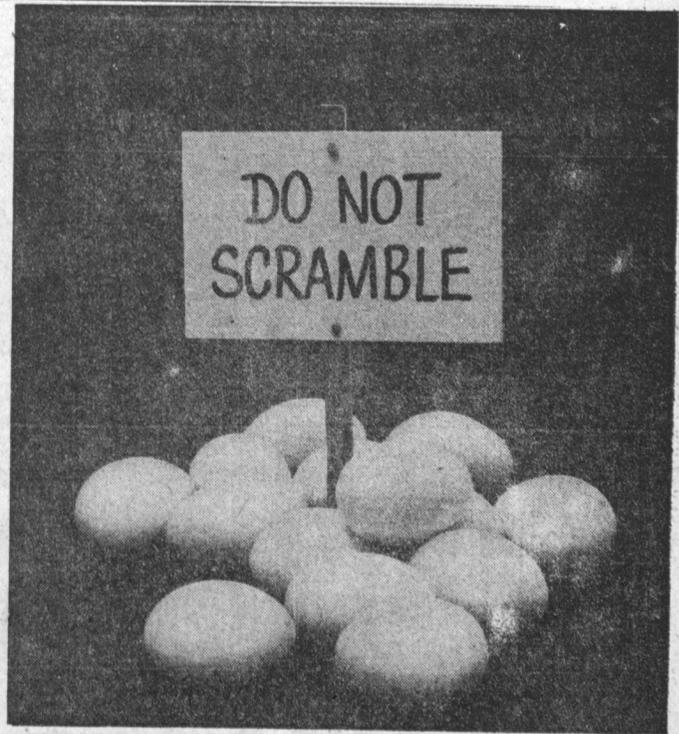
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